



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
2079 EAST 9<sup>th</sup> STREET  
2:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Jones, Turner, Simon, Kelly and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Conwell and Houser entered the meeting shortly after the roll-call was taken.]**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

### **4. DISCUSSION**

- a) Process for substitutes and amendments

**Council President Miller briefly discussed the parliamentary process to revise pending legislation. Discussion ensued.**

- b) Community Development funding process

**Mr. Miller opened up discussions regarding the Community Development fund, which is supported by Casino Tax revenue. Discussion ensued.**

### **5. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) O2024-0005: An Ordinance amending Chapter 501 of the Cuyahoga County Code; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

**Clerk Richardson read Ordinance No. O2024-0005 into the record.**

**Council President Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2024-0005. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel, addressed Council regarding the Ordinance, proposed substitutes and updated comparison table. Mr. King explained the current law, the administration's proposal and Council's proposed substitute regarding:**

- **General Approval, Real Estate Approval and General Procurement Thresholds**
- **Exemption from Competitive Procurement**
- **Aggregation of Contract Amendments**
- **Pulling Items from Board of Control to Council**
- **Termination of Contracts**
- **Unlawful Interest in a Public Contract**
- **Definition of Transaction**
- **Items Exempt from Board of Control/Council approval**
- **Monthly Reports on Contract Changes**
- **Law Department Approval of Minor Deviations**
- **Standard for Awarding Contracts on Competitive Solicitation**
- **Procurement Database**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. King pertaining to the item. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Paul Porter, Director of the Department of Purchasing, addressed Council regarding the general approval thresholds, and answered Council's questions accordingly. Discussion ensued. Mr. Porter also commented on Council's proposed substitutes.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute as a working draft.**

**There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2024-0005.**

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) **Collective bargaining matters, including:**
- i) **Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and Teamsters Local 436, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, representing approximately 8 employees in the classifications of Airport Operations and Maintenance Specialist and Airport Operations and Maintenance Specialist, Senior, at the**

Department of Public Works, Cuyahoga County Regional Airport for the period 1/1/2025-12/31/2026;

- ii) Purchase or sale of property
- iii) Pending or imminent court action

**A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Kelly, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining matters, purchase or sale of property and pending or imminent court action and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Miller at 3:25 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell, Jones, Turner, Houser, Simon, Kelly and Miller.**

**The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Richard Manoloff, Senior Counsel Gregory Huth, Chief Counsel Jerad Zibritosky, Assistant Law Director Nathaniel Hall, Deputy Chief Law Director Nora Hurley, Property Management Administrator John Myers, Assistant Law Director Ryan Geary, Employee & Labor Relations Specialist Brian Adams, Chief Prosecutor Michael O'Malley, Civil Division Chief David Lambert, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Brendan Healey, Associate Warden Kevin O'Donnell, Chief Deputy of Corrections Nestor Rivera, Warden Michelle Henry, Correction Officer Lieutenant Russell Jaenke, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jake Elliot, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Bridget Dever, and Sheriff Harold Pretel, Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Special Counsel Michael King, Senior Health and Human Services Policy Advisor LeVine Ross and Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer.**

**At 4:41 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Miller then reconvened the meeting.**

#### **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m., without objection.**